

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 15, 2023

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Jay Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone; and Stacia Sloan. Board members absent: Shane Cockrum and Robin LaBuwi.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Asst. Principal/AD; Shane Garner, Faculty Member; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to allow Shane Cockrum to participate via phone due to illness. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

4. ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT-Shane Garner

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Jim Giacone made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:52 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:40 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – via telephone, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Robin LaBuwi.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Ryan Miller, Asst. Principal/AD; Shane Garner, Faculty Member; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2023
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2023

6.2 Approve Financial Report (May 2023)

6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (May 2023)

6.4 Review/Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with IL Dept of Healthcare and Family Services (ENCL A)

6.5 Review/Approve Teacher's Schedule/Bell Schedule for 23-24 SY (ENCL B)

Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, and Jim Giacone – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Enclosure A has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- August 8 Institute Day
- Project Update
- Financial Update
- Health Insurance/EG Trust Update
- Strategic Planning Review

Written reports from Principal Docherty and Assistant Principal/AD Miller were given.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS Jay Copple made a motion to approve the stipend to Mary Ann Supancic from the Wrestling Activity Account as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Assignment of Personnel Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the slate of spring 2024 extra-curricular assignments as presented in enclosure C. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of enclosure C has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Marci Glover made a motion to approve Silvia Lenzini as the Clean & Green Sponsor for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Lynn Skaggs as the Math/Science Department Chair for the 2023-24 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Shane Garner for the Physical Fitness stipend for the 2023-24 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Marci Glover made a motion to approve Samantha McCowen as the Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Shane Garner seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Justin Groves as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Andy Sloan as an Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – Abstain, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, and Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, and Mark Minor - yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Lucas Roberts as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Alyssa Mitchell as a Girls Assistant Tennis Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Anita Diefenbach as a Volunteer Girls Assistant Tennis Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Beth Buntin as an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.2 Employment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to approve Becky Barry as a Teacher's Aide for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Melanie Webb as a Teacher's Aide for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to approve James Kowzan as a Special Education Teachers for the 2023-24 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Gavin Barnett and Lucas Tiberend as student workers as needed. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Kenise Head as a Bookkeeper Trainee. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Fees for the 2023-24 School Year Jay Copple made a motion to approve the student fees for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Review/Approve Posting Open Positions Jim Giacone made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of school secretary as available for the 2023-24 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.5 Review/Approve Surplus Property Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the surplus property as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.6 Review/Approve District Property & Casualty & Worker's Comp Proposal Jay Copple made a motion to approve the District Property & Casualty & Worker's Compensation proposal as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.7 Review/Approve Bushue HR to Conduct Employment History Reviews Jay Copple made a motion to approve Bushue HR to Conduct Employment History Reviews. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Mark Minor shared that he and Mr. Johnson participated in exit interviews with retiring teachers. It was an excellent opportunity to receive feedback and show appreciation for their years of service.

12. ADJOURNMENT Jim Giacone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY